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BORN TO THE MOST NOBLE OF ECHIDNA HOUSES, THE LATEST TO CONTINUE THE FAMILY HERITAGE AND RESPONSIBILITY AS GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND, DEFENDER OF ALL THE FORCES OF EVIL FROM THE WORLD BEYOND AS WELL AS THOSE WHO WOULD THREATEN FROM WITHIN!

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ROBOTROPOLIS, 3228:
"DURING DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S TAKEOVER THROUGH ROBOTICIZATION, THE SWATBOTS CAME FOR THE FOXES, AND I DID NOT SPEAK UP BECAUSE I WAS NOT A FOX. THEN THEY CAME FOR THE RABBITS, AND I DID NOT SPEAK UP BECAUSE I WAS NOT A RABBIT. THEN THEY CAME FOR THE SQUIRRELS, BUT I DID NOT SPEAK UP BECAUSE I WAS NOT A SQUIRREL. THEN THEY CAME FOR THE HEDGEHOGS, AND I DID NOT SPEAK UP BECAUSE I WAS AN ECHIDNA. THEN THEY CAME FOR ME, AND BY THAT TIME NOBODY WAS LEFT TO SPEAK UP."
ANONYMOUS

SMAASH!
WHAT IN BLAZES--??!
THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS!
MORE THAN LIKELY, IT'S DINGO TRASH UP TO NO GOOD!
NOW, SEE HERE--!!!
OH, MY WORD!
GOOD EVENING, HIGH COUNCILOR!
WE'D LIKE TO HAVE A WORD WITH YOU!
NO! NO!!

YOU'VE BEEN SO *OUTSPOKEN* IN YOUR *AVERSION* TO OUR TECHNOLOGY THAT WE WANTED TO FIND OUT *WHY*!

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WHY, YOUR *AVERAGE* CITIZEN BARELY HAS THE *BASICS*!

YOU THINK THEY'LL FEEL *SORRY* FOR YOU ONCE THEY LEARN THE *TRUTH*?

ESCORT THE HIGH COUNCILOR BACK TO THE *CENTRE*!

ONCE WORD OF THIS GETS OUT--

" --WE'LL SOON FIND OUT WHO OUR TRUE FRIENDS AND ALLIES ARE ! "
HOW DO I KNOW YOU GUYS ARE ON THE LEVEL ABOUT MY FATHER ?
HOW DO I EVEN KNOW YOU'RE WHO YOU SAY YOU ARE ?
WHAT KIND OF A FAMILY KEEPS EVERYTHING SUCH A SECRET ?
IF THERE'S ANYTHING I UNDERSTAND—
YOU SAY YOU WANT A

MY BOY, IF THERE'S ANY ONE THING I REGRET--IT'S THAT WE DID KEEP YOU IN THE DARK FAR LONGER THAN WE SHOULD HAVE!
YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND, WE DID IT WITH YOUR BEST INTERESTS IN MIND!
REVOLUTION...

–IT'S THAT I'VE BEEN SOLD A LOAD OF MAMUA EVER SINCE I CAN REMEMBER!
AND I'LL BET MY FATHER IS PART OF THIS WHOLE SHEEBANG!
DON'T BE SO QUICK TO JUDGE EITHER HIM OR US, M'BOY!
THERE'S SO MUCH MORE TO THIS THAN YOU COULD IMAGINE!
TRY ME!
ALLOW ME TO PULL UP A CHAIR, AS THIS COULD TAKE A WHILE!
YOU'RE ASKING US TO EXPLAIN OVER 400 YEARS OF FAMILY AND ECHIDNA HISTORY!
I ALWAYS HATED HISTORY! IT'S NOTHING BUT BORING OLD NEWS!
HOW ABOUT WE TALK ABOUT MY FATHER INSTEAD?
NOW THAT IS FUNNY, SON, TALKING ABOUT YOUR FATHER AND A LACK OF INTEREST IN HISTORY ALL IN THE SAME BREATH!
YOUR FATHER WAS A GREAT STUDENT OF HISTORY, BECAME OBSESSED WITH IT, IN FACT!
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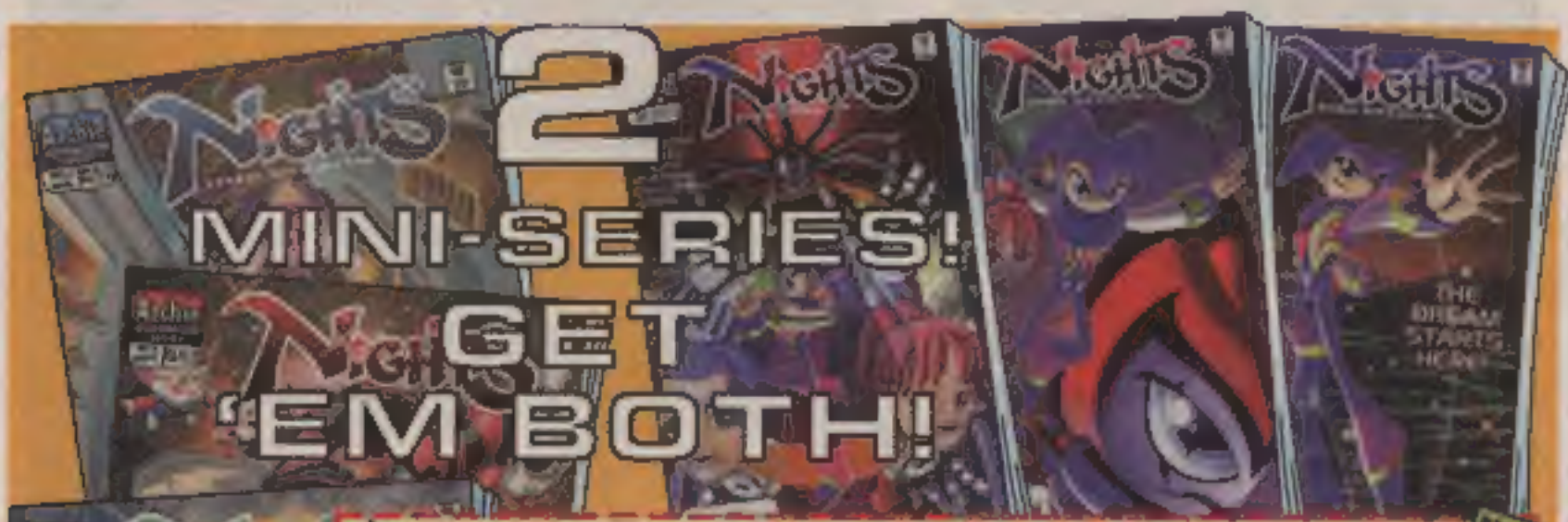

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"--IS THE *WHEREABOUTS* OF MY FATHER RIGHT *NOW*!"

FWHOOOOOSH!!!

PERMISSION TO SPEAK FREELY, SIR?

CERTAINLY, CONSTABLE!

I TAKE IT THINGS *DIDN'T* GO WELL BETWEEN YOU AND THE *LADY LARA-LE*?

PRETTY MUCH WHAT I *EXPECTED*, UNFORTUNATELY.

THE *DIFFERENCES* ARE MORE THAN WE'RE ABLE TO SURMOUNT!

I'M *SORRY* TO HEAR THAT!

DON'T BE! SOMETIMES THESE THINGS ARE *BEYOND* ANYONE'S ABILITY TO WORK OUT!

READY TO *DEPART*, JULIE-SU?

I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO SAY "*THANK YOU*" TO OUR PILOT FOR SAVING OUR BACON!

WHY DO I *FEEL* I *KNOW* YOU?

BECAUSE I AM MY SON'S FATHER, AND YOU KNOW HIM AS KNUCKLES!

YOU'RE--?!!

OH, WOW!

HAVE YOU SEEN KNUCKLES? IS HE ALL RIGHT?

I'M SURE HE'S QUITE WELL, JULIE-SU!

THIS WAY, IF YOU PLEASE

WHAT WAS ALL THAT ABOUT?

WHY DIDN'T YOU LET ME TALK TO HIM?

KNUCKLES COULD BE HURT-- OR WORSE!

I WAS TOLD THE GUARDIAN IS WELL AND THAT HIS FATHER IS GOING TO JOIN HIM!

IF I DON'T KNOW BETTER, JULIE SU--

"-- I'D THINK YOU ACTUALLY CARED ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO KNUCKLES!"

I CAN WELL IMAGINE WHAT MUST BE GOING THROUGH THE BOY'S HEAD!

HE'S PROBABLY MAD AT THE WORLD-- AND ESPECIALLY ME!

IF I KNOW KNUCKLES, HE'S PROBABLY GONE TO BE BY HIMSELF--

"...AT THE ONE PLACE WE'D LEAST LIKELY TO SUSPECT!"

WH-WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME? HAVEN'T YOU DONE ENOUGH?

LET ME GO! LET ME GO, I SAY!!

QUIET, YOU PATHETIC LITTLE WORM!

YOU'LL DO WHAT WE TELL YOU WHEN WE TELL YOU!

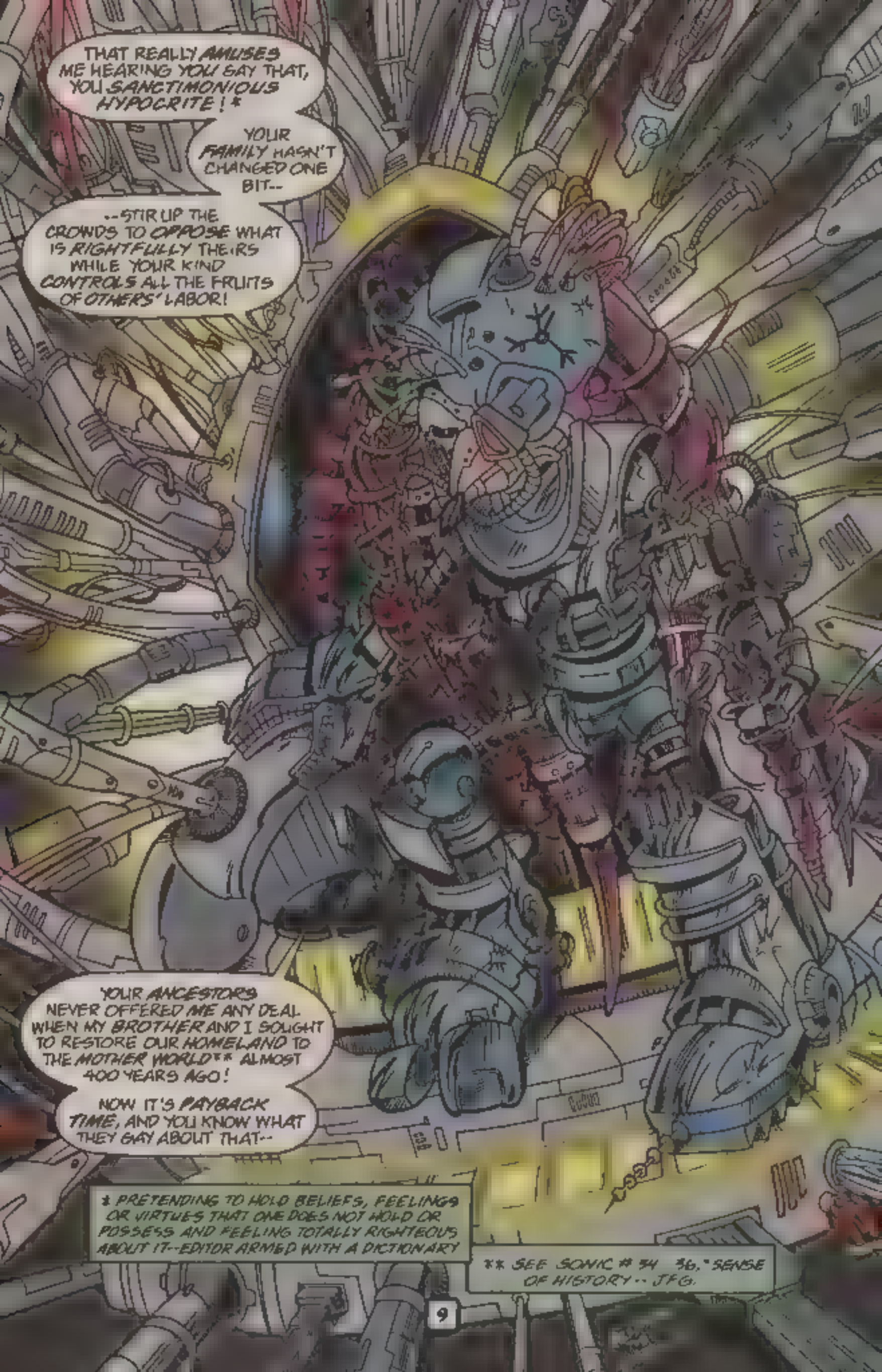
OOPH!

CAN'T WE DISCUSS THIS?!

I'M SURE WE CAN MAKE A DEAL!!

DEAL?

DID YOU SAY YOU WISH TO MAKE A DEAL?


THAT REALLY AMUSES ME HEARING YOU SAY THAT, YOU SANCTIMONIOUS HYPOCRITE! *
YOUR FAMILY HASN'T CHANGED ONE BIT--
--STIR UP THE CROWDS TO OPPOSE WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY THEIRS WHILE YOUR KIND CONTROLS ALL THE FRUITS OF OTHERS' LABOR!
YOUR ANCESTORS NEVER OFFERED ME ANY DEAL WHEN MY BROTHER AND I SOUGHT TO RESTORE OUR HOMELAND TO THE MOTHER WORLD** ALMOST 400 YEARS AGO!
NOW IT'S PAYBACK TIME, AND YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT THAT--
* PRETENDING TO HOLD BELIEFS, FEELINGS OR VIRTUES THAT ONE DOES NOT HOLD OR POSSESS AND FEELING TOTALLY RIGHTEOUS ABOUT IT--EDITOR ARMED WITH A DICTIONARY
** SEE SONIC # 34 36, "SENSE OF HISTORY" -- J.F.G.

"--IT'S LIKE AN *ITCH*, ONLY *MEANER*!"

HOW MUCH FURTHER, CONSTABLE? WE SEEM TO BE TAKING THE *LONG* WAY HOME!

SEEMS WE HAVE A *CROWD* UP AHEAD--

--THEY'LL JUST STEP ASIDE ONCE WE GET *CLOSER*!

NO, THEY WON'T!!

CRIPES!!!

D'YA THINK THEY HAVE A *PERMIT* FOR THIS SORT OF THING, SIR?

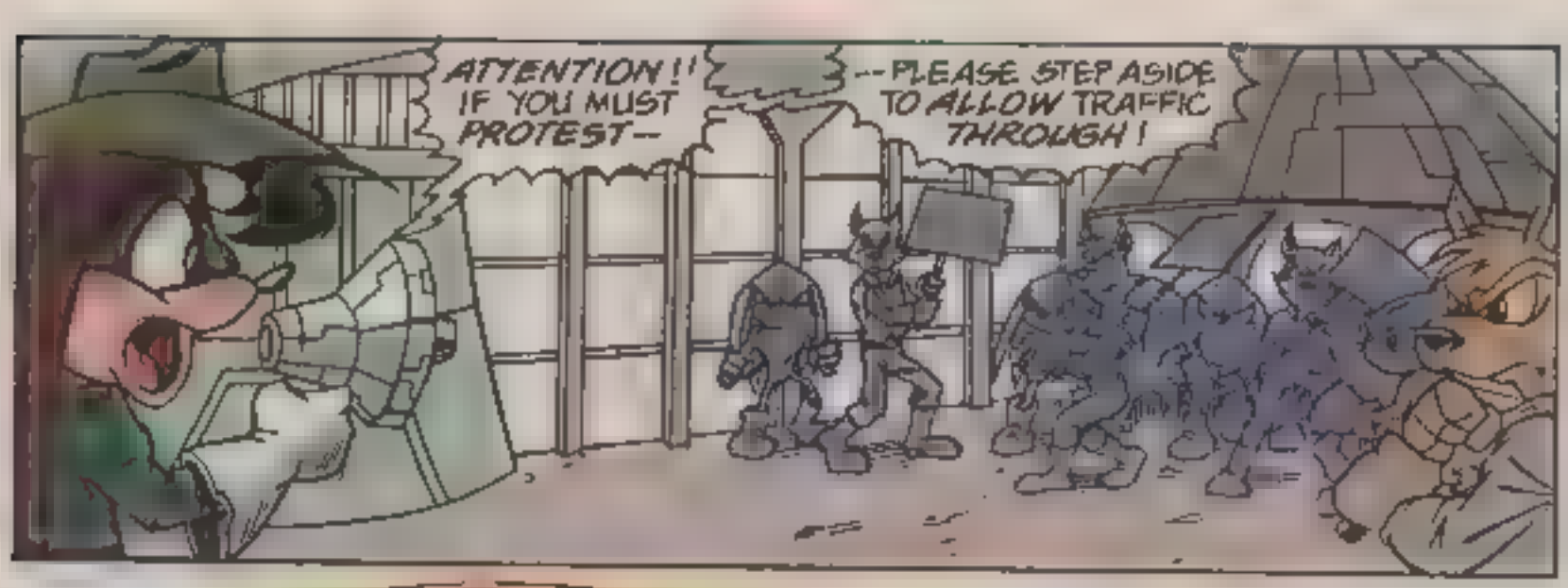
WE CAN ALWAYS *BUST* THEM IF THEY DON'T!

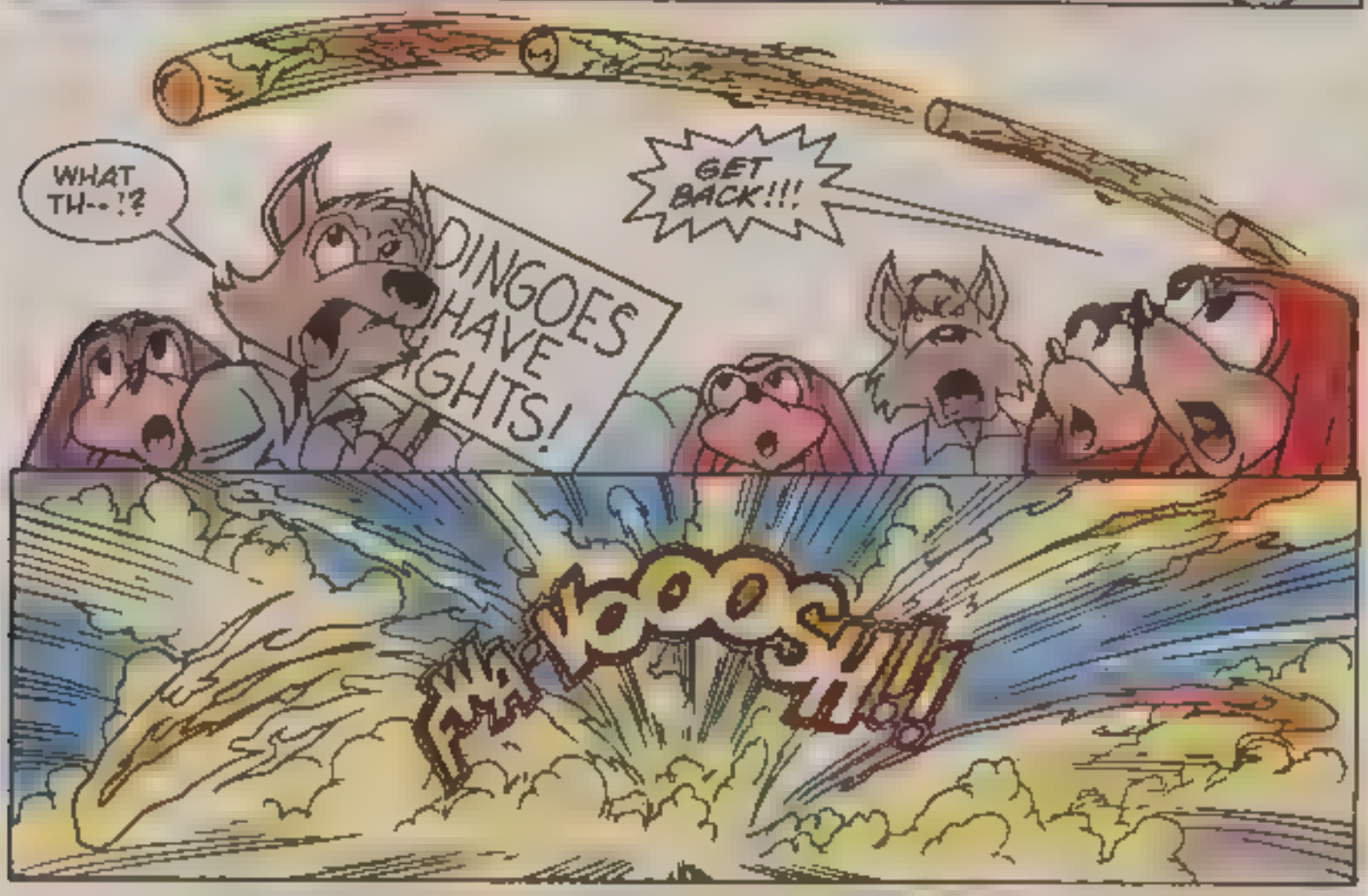
KEEP A LID ON IT, DEPUTY! I DON'T WANNA BLOW THIS *OUT OF PROPORTION*!

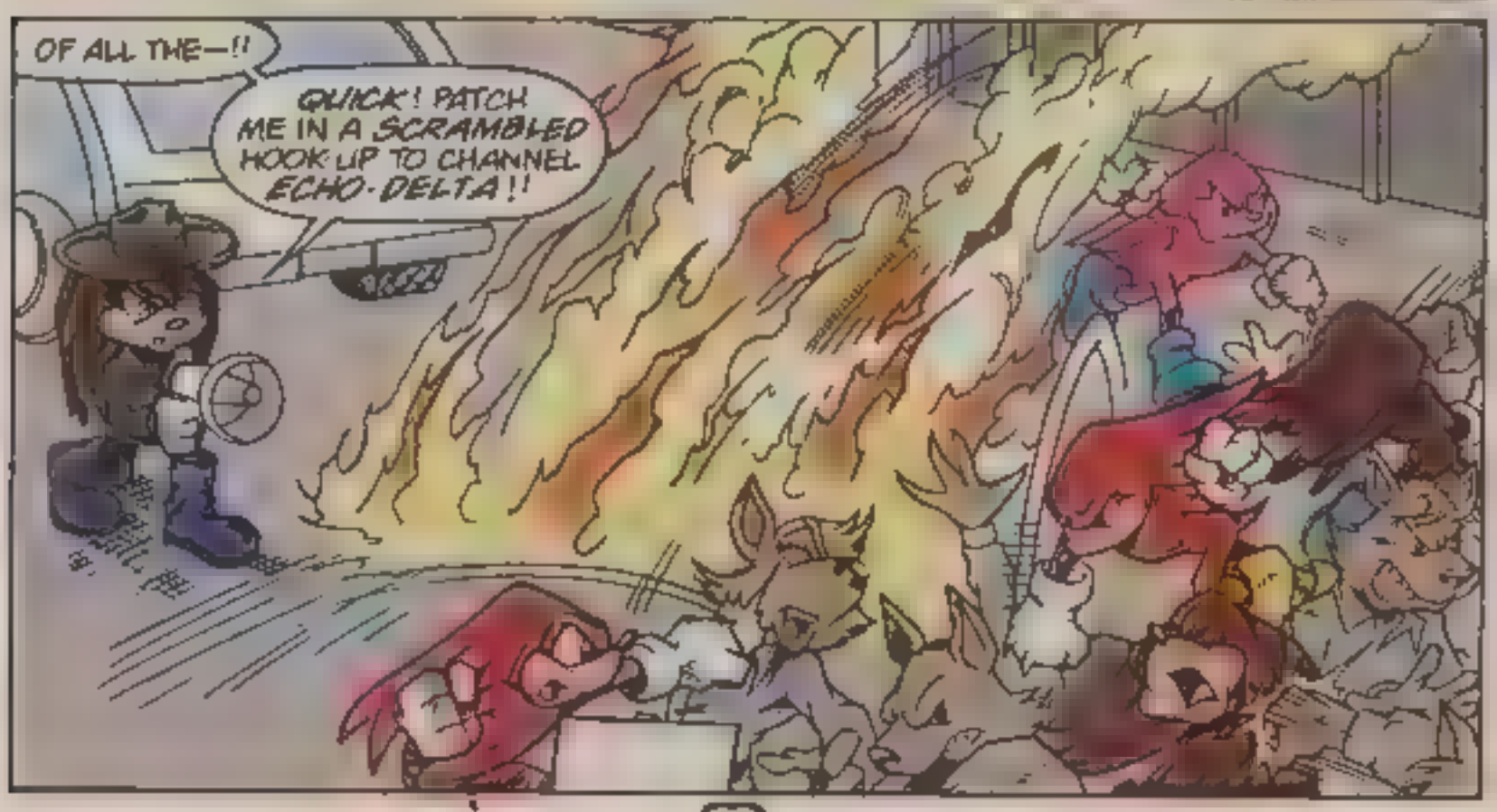
GEOFF GET A GANDER OVER THERE! IT'S THE *JACKBOOTS*!

THEY *WON'T* TOUCH US! NOT IF THEY DON'T WANT OTHER ECHIDNAS TO FEEL *SYMPATHETIC* TO *OUR CAUSE*!

HERE'S HOPING I CAN *REASON* WITH THE *COOLER* HEADS AMONG THAT CROWD!


ATTENTION!! IF YOU MUST PROTEST--
--PLEASE STEP ASIDE TO ALLOW TRAFFIC THROUGH!


WHAT TH--!?
DINGOES HAVE RIGHTS!
GET BACK!!!
WHOOOSH!!!


OF ALL THE--!!
QUICK! PATCH ME IN A SCRAMBLED HOOK-UP TO CHANNEL ECHO-DELTA!!

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

ANOTHER EMERGENCY?!!

IT NEVER RAINS, BUT IT ALWAYS POURS!

WHY, IT'S CONSTABLE REMINGTON!

WE HAVE A CRISIS! IT APPEARS THE DINGOES ARE GOING AMOK!

I CAN'T CALL IN THE AGENCY ON THIS ONE, SO YOU'RE MY ONLY HOPE OF DEFUSING A BAD SITUATION!

MY MAIN CONCERN AT THE MOMENT IS GETTING THE LADY LARA-LE TO SAFETY!

MOM?!! SHE'S WITH YOU?!!

ARCHY! YOU HEARD THE MAN!

WE GOTTA SAVE MY MOM!

BACK IN ACTION TOGETHER AGAIN, HUH?

LET'S GO MAKE LIKE HEROES, M'BOT!!

I DON'T KNOW WHICH IS WORSE--

" -- HAVING TO ANSWER THAT BOY'S QUESTIONS OR JUST STANDING BY AS HE TAKES CARE OF BUSINESS!"
I CAN'T PUT THIS OFF ANY LONGER!
HOWEVER NOBLE AND GOOD MY INTENTIONS WERE, I SHOULD'VE THOUGHT OF KNUCKLES FIRST AND FOREMOST!
MUCH AS IT PAINS ME TO ADMIT IT LARA WAS RIGHT--
--I REALLY HAVEN'T BEEN MUCH OF A PARENT!
MAYBE CERTAIN THINGS WORKED WELL IN THE PAST, BUT TIMES HAVE CHANGED, AND PERHAPS I DIDN'T CHANGE ENOUGH WITH THEM!
KNUCKLES!
KNUCKLES!
EVIDENTLY, THE LAD ISN'T HERE!
WHICH IS JUST AS WELL--
--GIVEN HOW UNCERTAIN I AM AT WHAT I SHOULD SAY!
FOR ONE THING--

"–I SINCERELY DOUBT SIMPLY SAYING 'I'M SORRY' MAKES UP FOR IT!"

WHOA, ARCHY!

THEY'RE AWFULLY FRIENDLY AROUND HERE!

EVIDENTLY NOBODY WANTS TO GET ALONG, M'BOY!

AT THE VERY LEAST, ECHIDNAS AND DINGOES, Y'MEAN!

INCOMING!

NOW WHERE'S MY MOM?

YOU SEE HER ANYWHERE IN THIS MESS, ARCHY?

ECHIDNAS YEAIR!

DI

LUCKY FOR YOU–

WA-VOOOSH!!

GYAAHHH!

I DON'T GET IT! HOW COULD THINGS FALL APART LIKE THIS?

–I SAW HIM COMING!

I WAS WONDERING THAT VERY SAME THING MYSELF!

HUH? WHO–?

GENERAL VON STRYKER!! SIR!!!

BEGGING YOUR PARDON, GENERAL --

--BUT I'M NONE TOO PROUD OF ECHIDNA BEHAVIOR EITHER!

WHAM!

WHADDYA SAY WE HAVE A COOLING OFF PERIOD FOR BOTH SIDES WHILE WE FIGURE OUT HOW TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM?

BY THE WAY, WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

TOO MANY BROKEN ECHIDNA PROMISES!

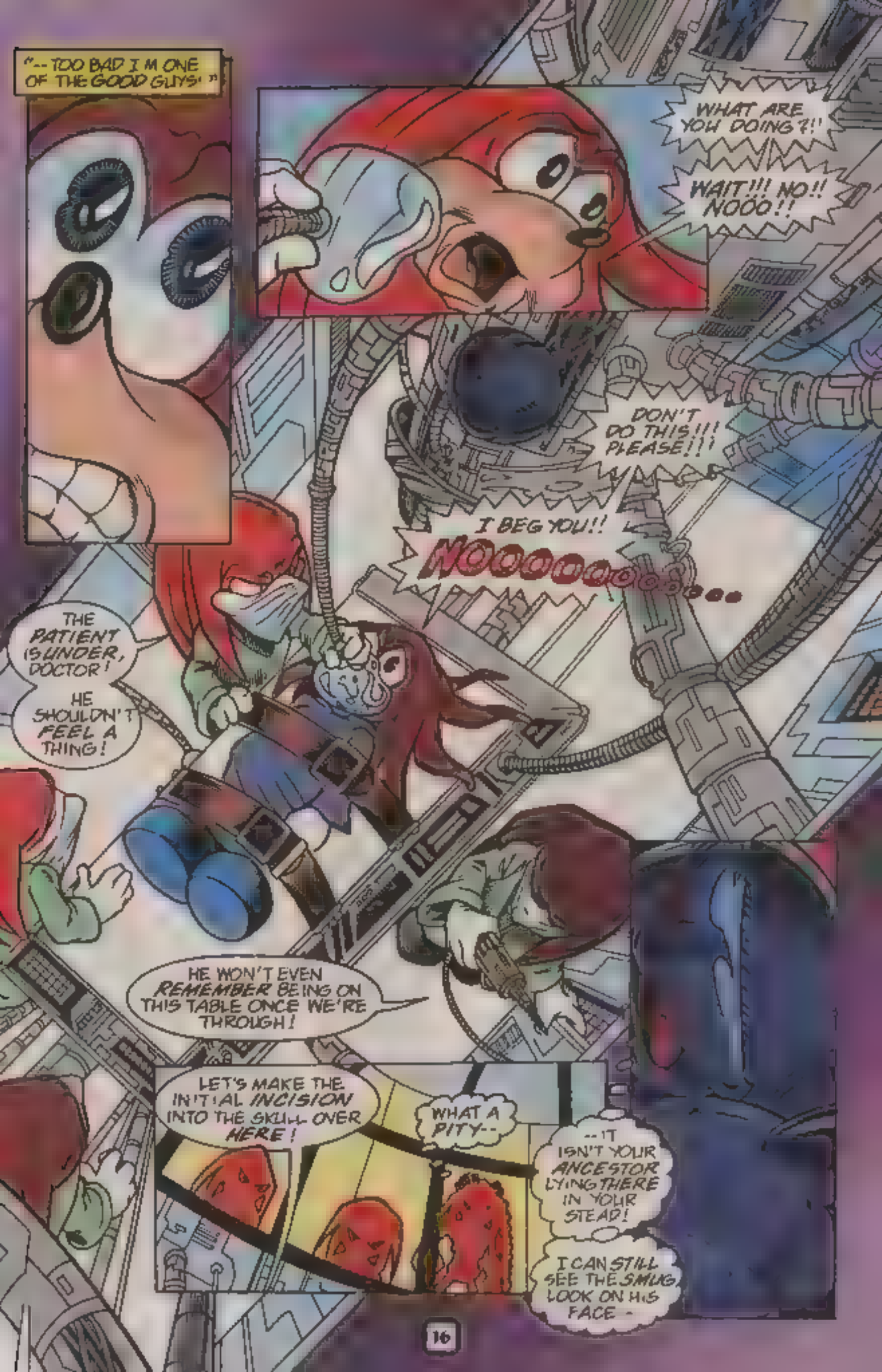
AND I SWEAR, IF YOU AND YOURS DON'T MAKE GOOD THIS TIME--

--YOU'LL HAVE WISHED YOU GOT RID OF US INSTEAD!

NOW THAT'S A HAPPY THOUGHT--

THIS IS PATHETIC!

HAVE WE FALLEN SO FAR THAT WE ARE REDUCED TO [redacted] FOR SCRAPS FROM ECHIDNA TABLES?


"-- TOO BAD I M ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS! "
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!!
WAIT!!! NO!! NOOO!!
DON'T DO THIS!!! PLEASE!!!
I BEG YOU!!
NOOOOOOOOO...
THE PATIENT IS UNDER, DOCTOR!
HE SHOULDN'T FEEL A THING!
HE WON'T EVEN REMEMBER BEING ON THIS TABLE ONCE WE'RE THROUGH!
LET'S MAKE THE INITIAL INCISION INTO THE SKULL OVER HERE!
WHAT A PITY--
--IT ISN'T YOUR ANCESTOR LYING THERE IN YOUR STEAD!
I CAN STILL SEE THE SMUG LOOK ON HIS FACE -

"--WHEN EDMUND AND I CONFRONTED MENTHOR BEFORE OUR PRESENTATION TO THE ASSEMBLED CHAMBER..."

--AND WITH YOUR SUPPORT, THAT WOULD ENCOURAGE THE COUNCIL TO GO ALONG.

DIMITRI, DIMITRI--

--IF THIS PLAN OF YOURS SUCCEEDS, YOU'LL BE A HERO TO ALL--

--AND THAT WOULD UPSET MY PLANS!

THEREFORE, I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DENOUNCE IT FOR THE HERESAY THAT IT IS!

YOU CAN'T DO THAT!!

BUT HE DID--

THE HIGH COUNCILOR DENIED OUR PETITION--

"IT WAS OBVIOUS NO MATTER WHAT EDMUND OR I SAID, THE FIX WAS IN..."

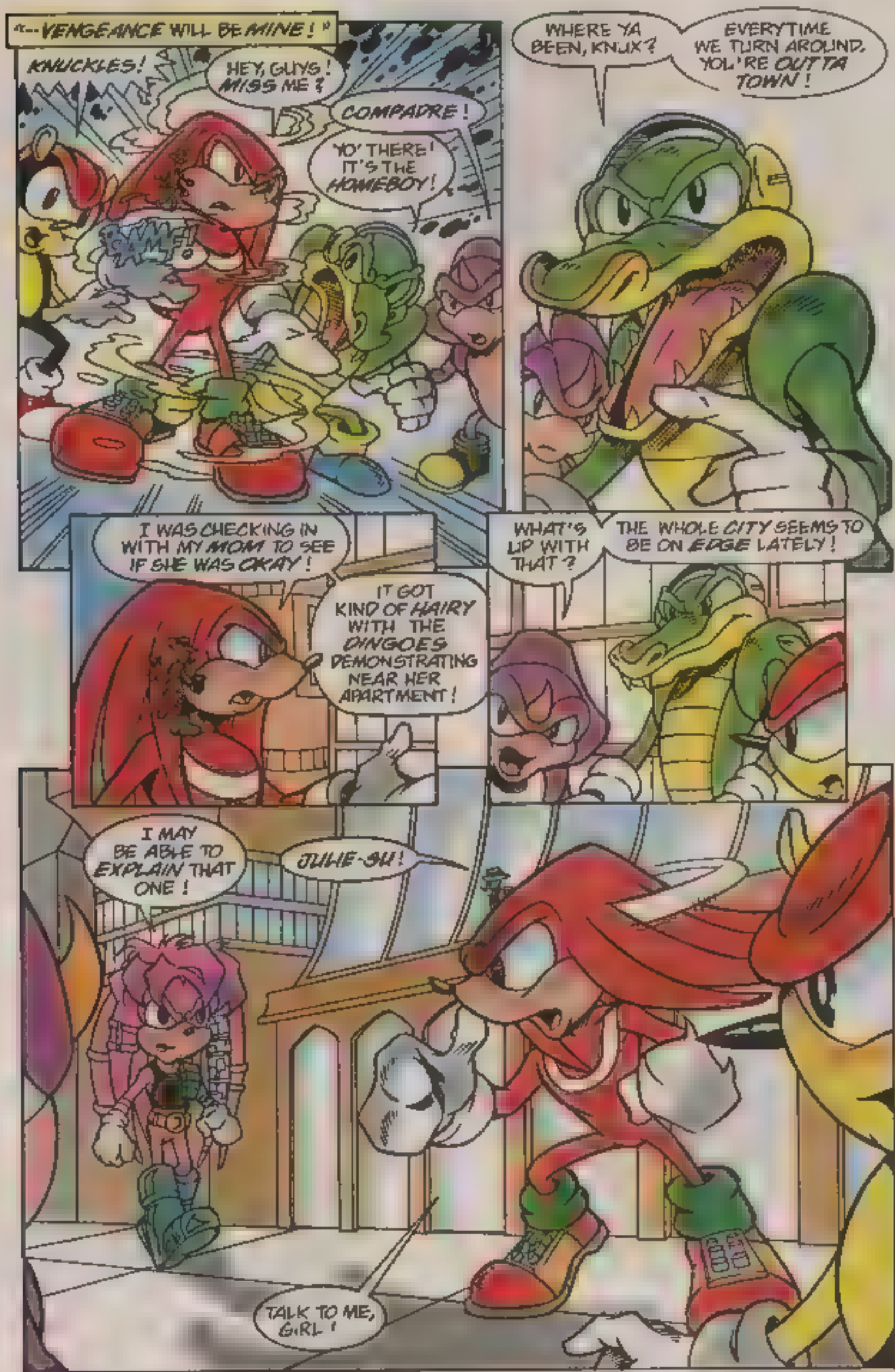
THE DECISION STANDS!

BACK THEN, I WASN'T THINKING STRAIGHT AND AS ENERJAK, I WAS CONSUMED WITH MY OWN POWER. MY CARELESSNESS RESULTED IN MY DOWNFALL!

NOT THIS TIME, HOWEVER!

THIS TIME--

*IN THE NOW CLASSIC KNUCKLES #9. JFG


"--VENGEANCE WILL BE MINE!"
KNUCKLES!
HEY, GUYS! MISS ME?
COMPADRE!
YO' THERE! IT'S THE HOMEBOY!
SAMF!
WHERE YA BEEN, KNUX?
EVERYTIME WE TURN AROUND, YOU'RE OUTTA TOWN!
I WAS CHECKING IN WITH MY MOM TO SEE IF SHE WAS OKAY!
IT GOT KIND OF HAIRY WITH THE DINGOES DEMONSTRATING NEAR HER APARTMENT!
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?
THE WHOLE CITY SEEMS TO BE ON EDGE LATELY!
I MAY BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THAT ONE!
JULIE-SU!
TALK TO ME, GIRL!

THE WAY I HEAR IT, THE *HIGH COUNCIL* HASN'T LIFTED A FINGER TO *SPEED* ALONG PROGRESS ON *CONSTRUCTING* HOUSES FOR DINGOES!

WHICH WOULD EXPLAIN WHY *THEY'RE* ORNERY!

BUT WHY PROTEST *NOW*? WHY NOT *BEFORE*?

THE *ELECTIONS* FOR THE HIGH COUNCIL ARE *COMING UP*!

WHOEVER GETS VOTED *IN* COULD EITHER ADVANCE-

--OR THROW A *MONKEY WRENCH* IN THE *PROGRAM*!

AND SINCE YOUR *AVERAGE CITIZEN* HASN'T WEIGHED IN WITH AN OPINION *FOR* OR *AGAINST*--

--NOBODY HAS ANY CLUE WHAT THE *SMART* COURSE OF *ACTION* IS!

EXACTLY!

AND IT GETS EVEN *BETTER*!

I'M ALL *EARS*!

THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY SIGHTING OF *PRAVDA*, THE *ANTI-TECH* COUNCILOR SINCE *LAST NIGHT*!

ANY *REASON* GIVEN FOR HIS *DISAPPEARING ACT*?

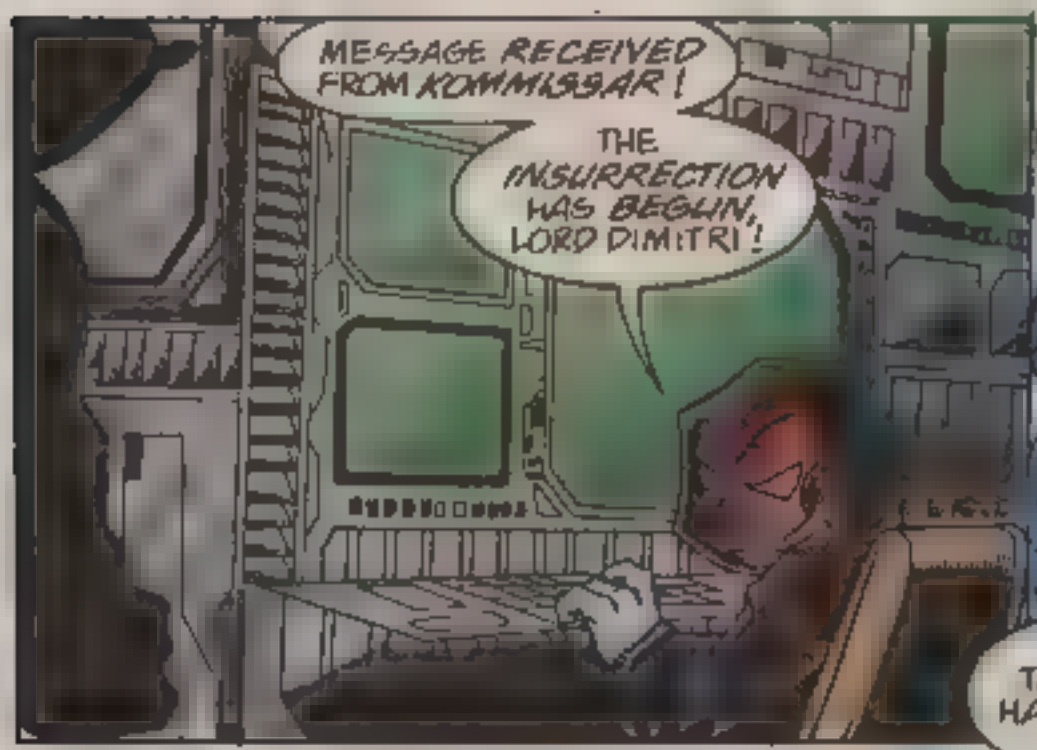
HIS WIFE *ISN'T* TALKING. APPARENTLY, SHE'S *SPOOKED* OUT OF HER *MIND*!

HOW DO YOU *KNOW*?

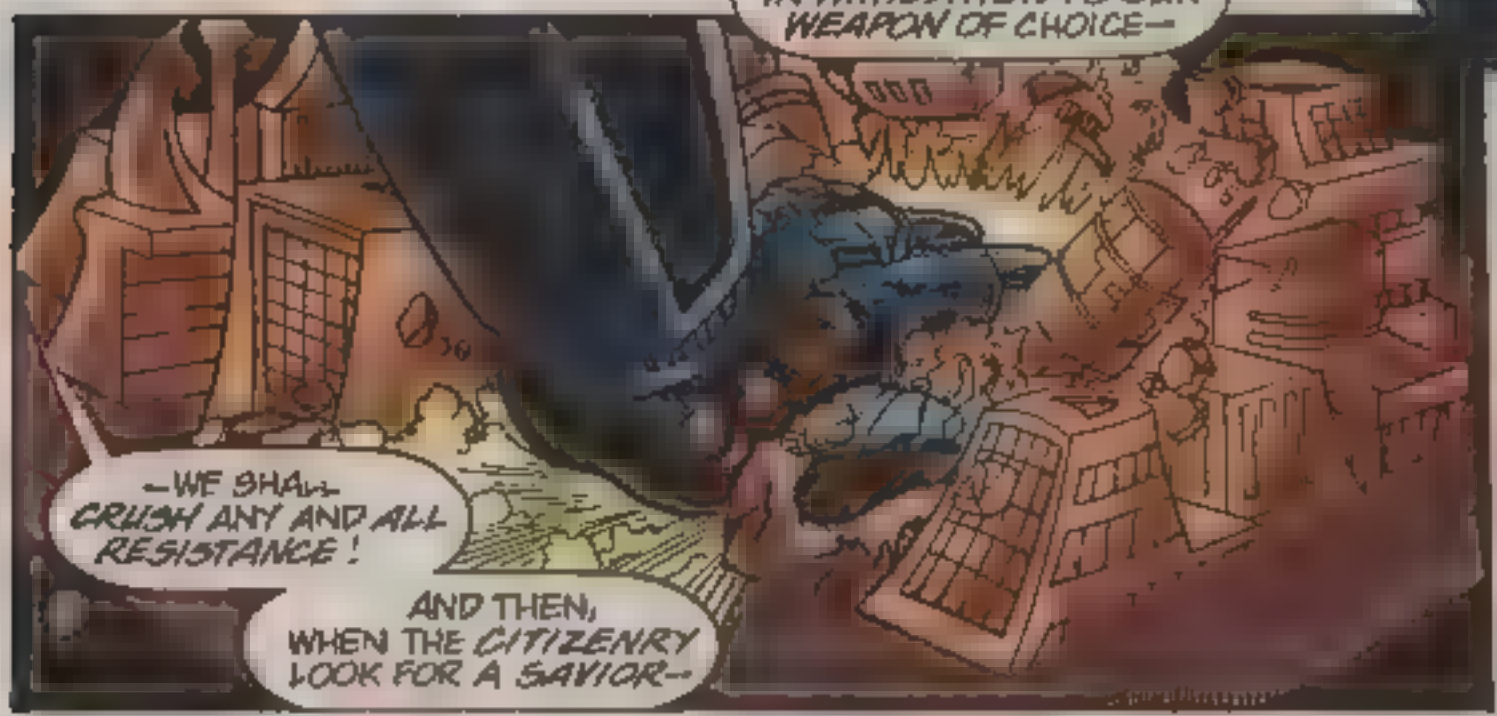
LET'S JUST SAY A LITTLE *BIRDIE* TOLD ME.

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T *FIGURED* IT OUT, KNUX--

-- SHE'S GOT FRIENDS IN LOW PLACES!
I'LL BE SURE TO TELL THE CONSTABLE THAT WHEN WE SEE HIM!
HE ASKED ME TO FIND YOU GUYS--
-- AND ARRANGE A MEETING!
YOU WOULDN'T BE YANKIN' MY CHAIN NOW, DOLLFACE?
" WOULD I DO THAT, VECTOR?"
LET'S DEMONSTRATE TO EVERYONE WHAT THE PENALTY IS FOR BETRAYING OUR OWN KIND!
WE HAVE NO QUARREL WITH YOU! WE JUST WANT TO BE LEFT ALONE!
IT WOULD APPEAR THE JELLYFISH HAS A SPINE!
SHOW THIS TOAD WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO DON'T SUPPORT OUR SIDE!
BEAT THIS MISCREANT SENSELESSLY!


MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM KOMMISSAR!
THE INSURRECTION HAS BEGUN, LORD DIMITRI!

EXCELLENT!
WE'LL FINALLY TAKE BACK WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN OURS ALL THOSE LONG YEARS AGO!


WITH TERROR AND INTIMIDATION AS OUR WEAPON OF CHOICE—
—WE SHALL CRUSH ANY AND ALL RESISTANCE!
AND THEN, WHEN THE CITIZENRY LOOK FOR A SAVIOR--

--WE SHALL GIVE THEM ONE!

LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE--
--THAT PARAGON OF VIRTUE--

-- A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF THE TECHNOLOGY NOW CANDIDATE--

--PRAVDA!!
HAIL DIMITRI! IMMORTAL DIMITRI!
HE SHALL EVER ENDURE!
ENERGIZED BY THE EMERALD, HIS POWER IS LIMITLESS!
FIRST SHALL ECHIDNAOPOLIS FALL TO HIM, THEN MOBIUS PRIME ITSELF!
HAIL DIMITRI!
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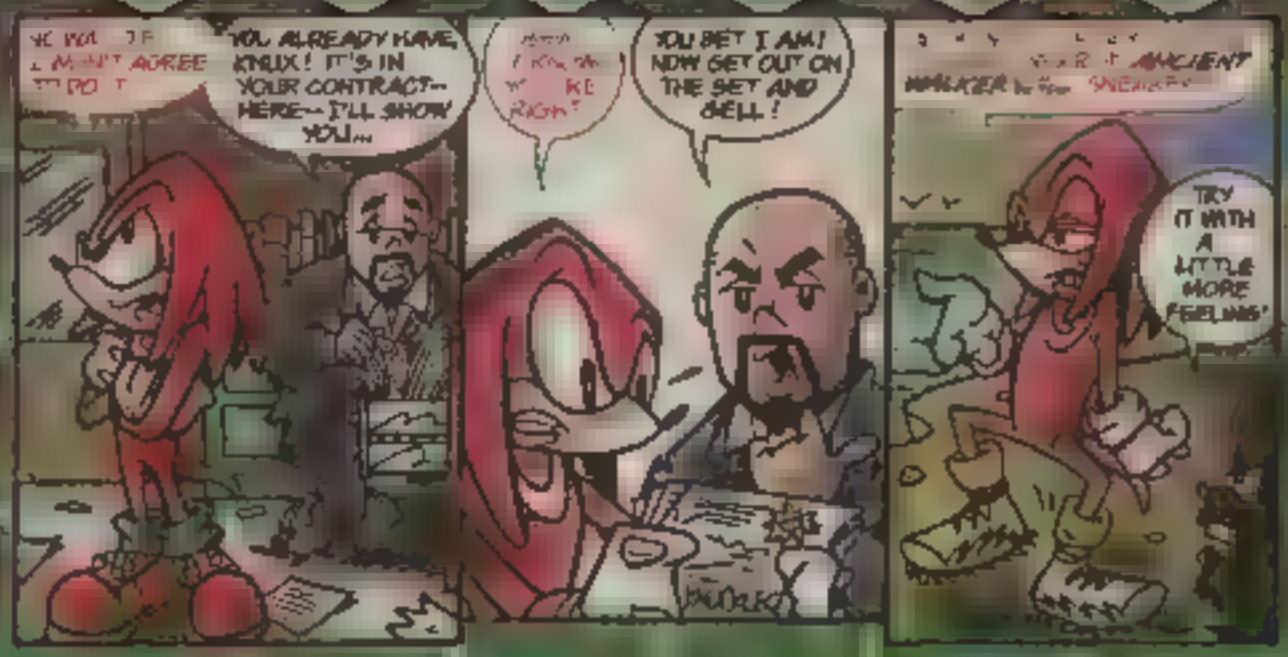

OFF PANEL By Gallagher and Manak

THIS JUST IN!

What's up! Knux here! I'm your editor [illegible] Freedom Fighters (a.k.a. F.F.) and I'm here to talk to you about all our little changes that started with this issue, Sonic The Hedgehog #67 and will continue with Sonic Super Special #16. All of them will have an icon representing Sonic, Knuckles or both. This will help you identify the Sonic titles at a glance and will distinguish them from the rest of the other books on the market.

These issues are each debuting a new feature for the letters page (including the design itself). Off Panel, a monthly humor strip by Sonic veterans Mike Gallagher and Dave Manak. From time to time, we will print a "Letter of the Month" so if you want to be [illegible] with, to let know a specific story (or story arc) that really made you think or feel, good or bad. Also check out the new Fan Art Header by Jim Valentino and Ken Penders. Of course, regular features like "Pro Art" and "And Your Name Is [illegible]" will continue to make a [illegible]. We hope these little changes will make the books that much more entertaining to read.

[illegible] just so you know, all these changes are being done to represent the changes in our favorite characters lives in both The Hedgehog. Sonic returns to Mobotropolis and Princess Sally's ready for all the surprises in store for him and The Freedom Fighters. And as far as Knuckles The Echidna, Knuckles and all his ancestors are set for a colossal conflict that reaches a fever pitch in Knuckles' 25th issue! So stick around for the most [illegible] if you can shake a Chaos Emerald at. So until next we speak...

Catch you on the flip side!

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We received a lot of mail for Knuckles #16, so let's get right to it, beginning with your comments on Lara-Le's revelation to Knuckles:

Dear Knuckles,

[illegible] comments on your reaction to Knuckles #16. I think you should cool your jets. You should be happy your mom is going to remarry. Especially Wyn. He seems like a cool guy. Now that Julie-Su knows you, I bet you're starting to like her now. Good luck with Julie-Su (-wink, wink-). Well, so long for now. Look out, you'll be hearing from papers.

Joseph "Rudy" Rudowski
(age 9)
Unity, Sask.
Canada

Dear Knuckles,

I've been a fan since your first appearance in the Sonic 3 game. In my opinion, I don't think the wedding between your mother and Wyn should happen. Your mom should be with your father. You're only fifteen years old and you great still have the chance to be a real family again. Wyn shouldn't be your father (or in his case, step-father). Locke [illegible] I mean I want to see Lara-Le and Locke get back together! And as far as your father goes, please don't get mad at him for leaving you when you were nine years old because it seems he was obligated to do so. Besides, even if you don't know it, he was a real help to you during the [illegible] that period were.

Kelly Anne Murray
Gig Harbor, WA

Remember Knuckles-San!

Knuckles #16 is the best so far! Lara-Le and Wyn seem happy to be together. I understand in a way how you feel, but your mom and Wyn deserve they both want to get married. I just hope you can accept that. By the way, please print my entire address. Sayonara and thanks!

Ratinee "Kat" D. Nagata
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We have a lot of different opinions about Knuckles' mom remarrying. What do you think?

Dear Knuckles,

I just got #16 and it was great until the last page where you got a kiss from Julie-Su. I can't believe you're going soft on us. I liked you because you were tough with an attitude who wouldn't let anyone push you around or invade your island. We want action, action, action! Hah-hahahahahahahahahahah!

Alli Shuler (age 11)
Albion, IL

Me, thanks for your comments, comments, comments! Dwahahahahah!!!

Dear Sonic,

I love your comics! It's amazing how you quickly you found out you're [illegible] any of your friends. My friends say this book is boring (the plot, I mean), but I disagree. Your life is so full of odd twists and turns that it makes your book very hard to put down once I begin reading it. Congrats to you guys on a great job!

Lilith Fair (age 11), Scarlette (age 12), & Anne (age 9)
Yelville, [illegible]

That's sweet of you to say, girls. Thanks to everyone who wrote in so until next month:

STAY COOL!

Cover by Patrick Spaziante and Ken Penders. Colors and separations by Harvey Mercado.

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In one week: Get ready for an issue that has... not one... but four stories! The first is "Love Wins: The Prelude" in which Sonic discovers a Sally from a different dimension and learns a secret about the Cosmic Interstate! Story and art by Dan Slott, James Fry and Bob Wiacek! The second, "Running On Empty" provides a story in which Sonic goes everywhere he uses his speed! By Roger Brown, Nelson Ribeiro & Joe Arnold. Also included are two more stories starring Monkey Khan and Dulf! *SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #8 on sale mid-January 1999!*

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